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IN THE SAME)

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Sir:

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Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

In addition, attached is a copy of a Search Report issued by the European Patent Office, dated July 16, 2004, in a corresponding European application citing these documents is enclosed.

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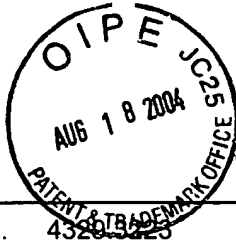
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